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RE: Serial No.09/497,865 , filed February 4, 2000, Inventor: Donald C. D. Chang et al.
For "AN IMPROVED PHASED ARRAY TERMINAL FOR EQUATORIAL SATELLITE
CONSTELLATIONS"
Examiner: G. Issing, Group Art Unit 3662
(Attorney Docket No. PD-980034), Confirmation No. 7997

Transmitted herewith is herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in triplicate, for the above-identified patent application which is presently on appeal. Pursuant to the filing of this RCE, the appeal is being withdrawn. An Examiner's Answer dated December 11, 2002 was received. Instead of the Reply Brief that would have been due on February 11, 2003, this RCE is being filed and it is being requested that the Appeal be withdrawn. Also transmitted herewith is an Amendment under cover of an Amendment Transmittal Letter (in triplicate) with a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate), PTO Form 1449 and copy of cited patents. Authorization to charge the necessary fees to the Deposit Account No. 50-0383 of Hughes Electronics Corporation is given in the respective transmittal letters (i.e. RCE fee in the RCE transmittal and IDS fee in IDS cover letter). Please charge any other required fees or credit any overpayment to the same Deposit Account.

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